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Final Fiscal Note

Drafting Number: LLS 21-0624 September 24, 2021 Date: **Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Van Beber; Ortiz Bill Status: Signed into Law Sen. Pettersen; Danielson Fiscal Analyst: Max Nardo | 303-866-4776 Max.Nardo@state.co.us **Bill Topic:** PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ORGAN TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT Summary of □ TABOR Refund ☐ State Revenue **Fiscal Impact:** ☐ Local Government □ State Transfer ☐ Statutory Public Entity The bill prohibits health care providers and health facilities from limiting access to an organ transplant based solely on an individual's disability. It minimally increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis. **Appropriation** No appropriation is required. **Summary: Fiscal Note** The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill. Status:

Summary of Legislation

The bill prohibits health care providers, facilities, and insurers from limiting access to organ transplants based solely on an individual's disability. The bill authorizes an aggrieved person to bring a civil action in a district court for injunctive or other equitable relief.

State Revenue and Expenditures

Any increase in state expenditures is expected to be minimal. The bill does not change organ transplant health benefits. Organ donations are generally constrained by supply rather than demand, and organ transplant eligibility decisions are made based on multiple factors. Workload will increase for the Department of Regulatory Agencies to conduct outreach and education regarding the bill's provisions; no change in appropriations is required.

The bill may increase workload in the Judicial Department for civil actions filed under the bill. Because the new cause of action is narrow, the volume of cases filed is assumed to be minimal. Any increase in workload or costs for the department, including the trial courts and agencies that provide representation to indigent persons, are assumed to be minimal, and no change in appropriations is required.

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Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 6, 2021.

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